

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

2008 WMA Base Funding Work Plan

RCD of Santa Cruz County Member of Santa Cruz County WMA

Title: 2009 Weed Eradication, Education and Mapping

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

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WMA Partners: Santa Cruz County Agricultural Commissioner's office, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County, City of Santa Cruz, California State Parks, City of Capitola, County of Santa Cruz Public Works, County of Santa Cruz Parks, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Watsonville Wetlands Watch, California Native Plant Society, California Department of Forestry and Fire, San Lorenzo Valley Water District, UC Santa Cruz, UC Cooperative Extension, Wildlands Restoration Team, Sandhills Alliance, San Lorenzo Valley Women's Club, and many individuals.

Please Confirm, All projects described in this work plan will be in one contract with (if more than one contract is desired, please describe here): Confirmed, all projects described will be completed with one contract with the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County.

Project Objectives:

The Santa Cruz County WMA will focus this year on, (1) creating a website for our WMA, (2) compiling the existing weed location information in Santa Cruz County, and (3) eradicating satellite weed populations within Santa Cruz County.

To accomplish tasks as outlined below, the Santa Cruz County WMA will hire a coordinator for tasks 1-2, and crews with the appropriate experience for task 3. WMA partners will assist both the coordinator with tasks 1-2, and the crew with the eradication of satellite populations.

Proposed Tasks:

1. We will create a website for our WMA with assistance from the RCD of Santa Cruz County, and other WMA partners. This website will include our Strategic Plan, project

descriptions (past, current, and future), will link to WMA partner websites, and to other relevant websites such as the California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) website, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) website.

2. We will compile the existing weed location information in Santa Cruz County by sharing mapping efforts among WMA partners.
3. We will eradicate satellite weed populations within Santa Cruz County. The treatment areas were chosen by ranking the received project applications based on a ranking criteria developed by the WMA planning committee. Public and private landowners were given an opportunity to apply for funding for the WMA. The selected treatment areas are listed below.

2009 WMA Treatment Areas:

Lead Agency	<i>Cal Poly Swanton Pacific Ranch</i>	<i>County of Santa Cruz Parks</i>	<i>San Lorenzo Valley Water District</i>	<i>Watsonville Wetlands Watch</i>	<i>County of Santa Cruz Parks</i>
Target Species	Jubata grass	Vinca, English ivy, Himalayan Blackberry	Yellow star thistle, fennel	Poison hemlock	Silver wattle acacia
Location	Along Scott Creek near lagoon	Highlands Park	SLVWD Sandhills land	Struve Slough, DFG Reserve	Freedom Lake Park
Goal	eradicate	eradicate	eradicate	eradicate	eradicate

Reporting:

A project report will be submitted at the completion of the contract and will include the following information: net acres or number of plants treated if less than 100 plants, control method utilized, percent change (reduction) between visits, and photographs.

Budget:

Please see attached excel spreadsheet “**SCCWMA Base Funding Budget**” for the time period of January 1st, 2009 – December 31st, 2009.